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TO THE HONORABLE DISTRICT JUDGE  
BARBARB S. JONES,

MY NAME IS EMMANUEL TEPEȘ AND I AM AN  
ACQUAINTANCE OF COSMIN MERCA. I HAVE KNOWN COSMIN  
FOR APPROXIMATELY SIX YEARS NOW; HOWEVER, BOTH HIS  
FAMILY AND MY OWN PARENTS SHARE A LONGER-TERM  
RELATIONSHIP EVEN BEFORE IMMIGRATING TO THE UNITED STATES.

MY RELATIONSHIP WITH COSMIN BEGAN MOSTLY FROM THE  
CHURCH WE BOTH ATTENDED; ELIM ROMANIAN PENTECOSTAL CHURCH  
IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS. WE BOTH PLAYED BRASS INSTRUMENTS  
IN THE CHURCH BAND. COSMIN WAS THE PERSON THAT CAME  
ON A WEEKLY BASIS TO BAND PRACTICE AND CHURCH SERVICES.  
I WAS INSPIRED BY HIS POSITIVE AND CHEERFUL PERSONALITY  
WHICH HE PORTRAYED WITH THE CONSTANT SMILE ON HIS FACE.

I KNOW, FROM MY PARENTS, THAT THE MERCA FAMILY  
IS A HARD WORKING AND RESPECTABLE FAMILY. FROM THE  
TIME LIVING IN ROMANIA, COSMIN'S GRANDPARENTS  
DEVELOPED A GOOD REPUTATION OF BEING GOOD PEOPLE,  
BEING FAITHFUL TO THEIR CHURCH AND TO THEIR COMMUNITY,  
AND RAISING THEIR CHILDREN WITH GOOD MORELS.

I WAS SAD TO FIND OUT ABOUT COSMIN, AND WHAT  
BROUGHT HIM WHERE HE IS NOW. I SEE FROM THE LETTERS  
THAT WE HAVE BEEN WRITING BACK AND FORTH, THAT

COSMIN IS VERY SORROWFUL FOR THE POOR CHOICE(S) HE MADE. HE ADMITS THAT HE WAS MISLEAD BY THE GLAMOUR OF LIFE, AND HE DESIRES TO BE A GODLY AND LAW ABIDING CITIZEN.

YOUR HONOUR, IF I MAY BE SO BOLD TO ASK FOR MERCY AND KINDNESS IN THE FINAL DECISION, OF COSMIN'S CASE. PLEASE, GIVE COSMIN A CHANCE TO SHOW HIS CHANGE OF HEART. FOR THE SAKE OF HIS YOUNG FAMILY; HIS WIFE AND TWO CHILDREN WITH THE YOUNGEST BEING A FEW MONTHS OLD.

I BELIEVE THAT COSMIN WITH PROVE TO BE THE UPSTANDING CITIZEN HE TRULY IS, BY SHOWING HIS CHANGE OF ATTITUDE AND ACTIONS BY FOLLOWING THOROUGHLY AS YOUR HONOUR DECEIDES.

THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO READ MY LETTER.  
MAY GOD TRULY BLESS YOU!

SINCERELY,

EMMANUEL TEPEŠ  
Vejpř.